

Amend the Specification as follows:

**On page 4, the sixth full paragraph has been amended as follows:**

The interconnection support shown in Fig. 1 serves for the accommodation of a plate-like microcomponent 1. A support rail 2, consisting, for example, of plastic, is attached to a support plate 3. The support rail 2 has a longitudinally extending insertion slot 4, into which the plate-like microcomponent 1 can be inserted by means of a base strip 5. The base strip 5 is limited by lateral cut-outs 6, which butt against the ends of the insertion slot 4 and thus ensure precise definition of the insertion depth. The slot 4 unobstructed and is defined by a pair of planar side walls.

**On page 5, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:**

A plurality of threaded holes 10 which extend transversely to the plane of the plate-like microcomponent 1 and are each intended for the accommodation of a screw connection 10a, through which liquid or gaseous substances are fed to or discharged from the microcomponent 1 via fluid lines 10b, are provided in one side wall 9 of the insertion slot 4. After insertion of the microcomponent 1 into the insertion slot 4, the screw connections are screwed against the microcomponent 1 and thus pressed against substantially flush fluid connections 11 in the outside surface 1a through the insertion edge portion 5 of the plate-like microcomponent in a leak-proof manner

**On page 5, the fourth full paragraph has been amended as follows:**

In the illustrative embodiment in accordance with Fig. 2, only the threaded holes 10 for the accommodation of the screw connections 10a are provided in the support rail 2 connected to the support plate 3. The electrical contact surfaces 13 described are only arranged in the connection rail 15 and serve for the connection of electrical leads 18 to associated connections (25) in at least one outside surface 26.